

Talking Points
Center for Naval Analyses Study titled “Fleet Readiness Production Options” from
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Background

In April 2017, OPNAV (N8) sponsored the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA) to explore the implications of a structure that implements a single readiness account management framework across the Atlantic and Pacific-based forces, and to compare this option to the current framework in terms of effectiveness, responsiveness, efficiency, and risk.

Objectives

1. Maintain transparency with external audiences concerning the content of the study.
2. Reaffirm the Navy’s need for two separate four-star commands (USFF and CPF) to meet the Navy’s requirement to generate ready naval forces and to employ them in support of Phase 0 and Phase 1 operations, and OPLAN requirements.
3. Provide a copy of the final CNA report to requesting organizations.

Top Line Messages

- We appreciate the opportunity to have an open dialogue on the CNA study conducted in 2017.
- As expressed by CNO, the Navy is committed to maintaining a two-Fleet structure under the supervision of two, four-star Fleet Commanders. The Navy also must program and manage its resources to achieve required readiness levels, while acting as a good steward of those resources.
- Due to the complex scope of the study, CNA determined that they would be unable to baseline or model future readiness functions and consequently did not recommend pursuing a pilot test of a single funding line as they would be unable to quantitatively validate or disprove the effects of consolidation. They noted this was not a judgement on the potential for qualitative or management efficiencies.
- The study also recommended a number of internal management recommendations:
 - Consider increasing the Lead TYCOM responsibilities, authorities, and accountability;
 - Provide more standardized and detailed reporting on readiness funding metrics;
 - Increase visibility of readiness funding across both Fleets; and,
 - Improve administrative reporting (via the FFC Annual Report and semiannual presentations by Lead TYCOM commanders to the Fleet Commanders Readiness Council (FCRC)).